



# City of Natchitoches



## Mayor Lee Posey sworn into office

July 1, 2012

On June 1, Lee Posey was sworn in as Natchitoches' newest mayor.

Mayor Posey previously served as a City of Natchitoches Councilman for 20 years, from 1988 to 2008.

During inaugural ceremonies, Mayor Posey thanked his predecessor Mayor Wayne McCullen and pledged to continue efforts to develop Natchitoches and promote the City as a



Natchitoches Mayor Lee Posey is administered his oath of office by Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court Louie Bernard. Mayor Posey's wife, Evie, holds a Bible while his family looks on.

premiere tourist destination.

Members of the Natchitoches City Council were also sworn into office. City

Council members are: City Councilman-at-Large Don Mims, Jr.; Councilman David Stamey, District 1; Councilman Dale Nielsen, District 2; Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow, District 3 and Councilman Larry Payne, Sr., District 4.

Councilman David Stamey was the only new

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### Did you know?

- The deadline has been extended to enter the 2012 Natchitoches Christmas Festival Poster Contest. The deadline has been extended to Monday, July 16. If interested, please call the Office of Community Development at 357-3839.
- Entries are now being accepted for the 2012 Miss Merry Christmas and Miss Natchitoches Teen Pageants, which will take place on Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Events Center. Call the Main Street office at 352-2746 if you are interested in entering the pageant.
- The Natchitoches Parish Veterans and Memorial Park is selling engraved pavers to raise necessary funds to construct the park. Each brick costs \$100. Those interested should contact local Veterans Service Office Grant Bowden at (318) 357-3106 or visit his office at 203 St. Denis Street, Rm. 117.

## Celebration on the Cane set for July 4

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Celebration on the Cane on Wednesday, July 4 in downtown Natchitoches.

The City of Natchitoches' Fourth of July celebration begins at 6 p.m. on the downtown riverbank with a musical performance by The Glenn Rainey Band.

The Glenn

Rainey band brings the funk with an upbeat, melodic, and energetic groove inspired by New Orleans and fueled by soul.



The band will perform from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the downtown stage. Vendors will be selling refreshments including cold

drinks and snow cones. Fourth of July memorabilia will also be sold on the riverbank.

The highlight of the evening will be a spectacular fireworks show over Cane River Lake at 9 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public.

In preparation for the fireworks show, the Church Street Bridge will close to all traffic,

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## Natchitoches City Council to change meeting time



Members of the Natchitoches City Council officially began their new term in office on June 1.

New to the City Council is District 1 Councilman David Stamey.

Shown in the photo are (seated from left to right) City Councilman-at-Large Don Mims, Mayor Lee Posey and District 3 Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow.

Shown on the back row (from left to right) are District 2 Councilman Dale Nielsen, District 1 Councilman David Stamey and District 4 Councilman Larry Payne.

At the City Council's first meeting of the 2012-2013

fiscal year, the Council voted to change its regular meeting time.

Beginning on Monday, July 23, the Natchitoches City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. City Council meetings were previously held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

City Council agendas and minutes can be found online on the City's Web site at [www.natchitochesla.gov](http://www.natchitochesla.gov).

For more information about the Natchitoches City Council, please call City Clerk Stacy McQueary at (318) 352-2772.

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member to join the Natchitoches City Council. He replaces Jack McCain who served in that position for 24 years.

A ceremonial oath of office was also given to members of the Natchitoches Fire

Department and Natchitoches Police Department.

Special presentations were made to outgoing Mayor Wayne McCullen and outgoing City Councilman Jack McCain.

## Notice to residential garbage customers

All City of Natchitoches residential garbage customers should be made aware that effective immediately, yard waste collection must conform to the standards of the Ward's Waste contract agreement.

Failure to comply with these standards will result in residential customers being responsible for the disposal of their own yard waste collection. The City of Natchitoches Public Works Department will no longer pick up non-compliant yard waste.

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, branches, garden trimmings, tree droppings (ex. Pinecones or crabapples) and other similar organic waste materials.

Sod, dirt, Christmas trees and greenery from wreaths and garlands is not considered yard waste and should be disposed of as refuse.

To be in compliance, yard waste must conform to the size, weight and length specified in the Ward's Waste contract. A disposal unit for yard waste is described as a plastic garbage bag designed for outdoor use or a heavy Kraft paper bag not larger than 33 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight.

Brush or branches must be bundled and can be no more than 50 pounds in weight, three inches in diameter or four feet in length and must be manageable by one person.

A notice will be placed on the homeowner's door if their yard waste is found to be non-compliant. Any questions should be directed to the City of Natchitoches Public Works Department at (318) 357-3875.

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including pedestrians and motorists, at 8:30 p.m. In addition, Williams Avenue from Whitfield to Henry Avenue will also close at 8:30 p.m. The roadway and bridge will reopen after the fireworks show is completed.

The downtown riverbank will be closed to motorists all day on July 4.

Those attending Celebration on the Cane should make plans to park on Front Street or elsewhere within the Natchitoches Historic District.

For more information, please call the Natchitoches Main Street Office at (318) 352-2746 or visit [www.downtownnatchitoches.com](http://www.downtownnatchitoches.com).



## Green Market continues in July

*Special programs and food drive to take place*



The Cane River Green Market will continue to be open every Saturday through July. The market's summer season will end on Saturday, July 28.

Market hours are 8 a.m. to noon.

The market will feature special programs and demonstrations throughout July including celebrations of National Blueberry Month, National Watermelon Month and an "end of the market celebration" on July 28.

During the month of July, the Green Market will sponsor an important drive for the Food Bank of Central Louisiana. In support of the Food Bank's Backpack Program, the Green Market will collect new and gently used backpacks and food supplies. Backpacks and food items are used to help feed local school children during the weekends throughout the school year. Please drop off these items at the Green Market's hospital-

ity tent each Saturday in July.

Food items that are needed include granola bars, microwave popcorn, tuna fish, trail mix, nuts, cereal bars and 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice. Call the market office for a complete list.

The market is offering an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables for the remainder of its summer season including blueberries, peaches, watermelons, sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, squash, eggplant, beans and much more.

For more information about the market or to receive the market's electronic newsletter, please call the market office at (318) 352-2746 (CRGM), email [green-market@natchitochesla.gov](mailto:green-market@natchitochesla.gov).

Visit us online at: [www.canerivergreenmarket.com](http://www.canerivergreenmarket.com)

## 33rd Annual Folk Festival July 20-21

The 33rd Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will be held July 20-21 in Prather Coliseum on the Northwestern State University campus.

Festival hours on Friday, July 20 are from 4:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. and

festival are Richard Smith and Julie Adams, Jesus Rhythm, Briggs Brown and the Bayou Cajuns, Yvette Landry, Cajun on Demand, Max and Marcy, the LaCour Trio, Henry Gray and the Cats, the Louisiana Purchase Bluegrass Band and Hardrick



Saturday, July 21 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

The festival's theme is "Celebrating Louisiana's Folk Music." Along with music, there will be crafts, narrative sessions and demonstrations.

The Annual Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will also be a part of the festival. The Fiddle Championship will be held July 21 at 1 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. There will be a non-championship class for those 12 and under, 13-18 and 60 and above and a championship class for those 21 and under, 22-59 and 60 and above.

Among musical groups performing at this year's

Rivers and the Rivers Review Band.

Three dozen craftspeople have been invited to display their traditional work on Saturday and discuss their work with visitors. Craftspeople will display beadwork, baskets, instruments, Pysanky eggs, bull whips, ironwork, woodcarving, toys, whittling and much more.

Tickets are \$11 for a two-day pass, available in advance only, \$8 for all events on Saturday or \$5 for one-time evening pass to all events after 5 p.m.

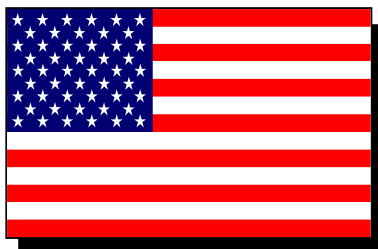
For more information or a complete schedule of events, please call (318) 357-4332 or go to [louisiana-folklife.nsula.edu](http://louisiana-folklife.nsula.edu).

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### Happy Fourth of July!

#### Reminder:

The City of Natchitoches will be  
closed on Wednesday, July 4 in ob-  
servance of Independence Day.

## Cane River Creole NHP offers trading cards and Jr. Civil War Historian program

Trading cards have been popular  
with kids for generations, from images  
of sports figures to movie stars.

Now, Cane River Creole National  
Historical Park is offering free trading  
cards featuring people, places and  
events that tell the Cane River region's  
Civil War to Civil Rights  
story.

The cards available at  
Cane River Creole Na-  
tional Historical Park are  
part of a series of 550  
cards available at partici-  
pating national parks  
throughout the United  
States.

To "earn a trading  
card, kids may participate in a ranger-  
led tour or answer a question about  
their visit to the park.

Each trading card tells a little-  
known story but collectively, the cards  
describe the struggles we have endured  
as a nation to strive for freedom and  
equality. The Civil War Sesquicentennial  
and the 50th anniversary of the  
Civil Rights Movement provide oppor-

tunities for us to reflect upon our past,  
celebrate the strides we have made and  
look forward with commitment to  
achieve a more perfect union.

Cane River Creole has also joined  
the growing list of parks participating  
in the Junior Civil War Historian pro-  
gram. To become a Jun-  
ior Civil War Histo-  
rian, children must  
complete the Junior  
Ranger program at  
three participating  
parks or complete the  
Junior Ranger program  
at two participating  
parks and one online  
activity at: [http://](http://www.nps.gov/stri/forkids/jcwh.htm)



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Children who complete the program  
will earn a limited edition Junior Civil  
War Historian Patch.

For more information about Cane  
River Creole National Historical Park,  
call (318) 356-8441 or visit their web  
site at [www.nps.gov/cari](http://www.nps.gov/cari).

## Upcoming holidays and important events

Every Saturday  
— Cane River  
Green Market  
on the down-  
town riverbank  
from 8 a.m. to Noon.



July 2 — Historic District Com-  
mission meeting at 5 p.m. at  
the Natchitoches Arts Center.

July 3 — Natchitoches Planning  
and Zoning Commission meet-  
ing at 5:30 p.m. at the Natchito-  
ches Arts Center.

July 4 — Fourth of July; Celebra-  
tion on the Cane on the down-  
town riverbank from 6 p.m. to  
9 p.m. City of Natchitoches  
closed.

July 9 — Natchitoches City  
Council meeting at 7 p.m. at  
the Natchitoches Arts Center.

July 16 — Natchitoches Airport  
Commission meeting at 5 p.m.  
at the Natchitoches Regional  
Airport.

July 19 — Natchitoches Historic

District Development Commis-  
sion meeting at 10 a.m. at the  
Natchitoches Arts Center.

July 20-21 — Natchitoches/  
NSU Folk Festival at North-  
western State University.

July 23 — Natchitoches City  
Council meeting at 7 p.m. at  
the Natchitoches Arts Center.

Aug. 2— Open house at the  
FANO flight school at Natchi-  
toches Regional Airport.